(c) The number of the CBI cases pending for prosecution sanction, year-wise, are indicated as under:-

As on 31.12.2004	As on 31.12.2005	As on 31.12.2006	As on 31.07.2007
155	96	111	81

(d) As per directions of the Supreme Court in the case of Vineet Narain *Vs* Union of India, "a time limit of 3 months has been fixed for grant of sanction for prosecution. However, additional time of one month is allowed in cases where consultation is required with the Attorney General (AG) or any Law Officer in the AG's office",

Appeals received by CIC/SICs

1298. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of appeals against denial of information, till date, received by Central Information Commission/State Information Commissions and their disposal;

(b) whether most of such appeals have been rejected; and

(c) if so, whether it reflects that CIC/ SICs suffer from bureaucratic constraint to share/divulge information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The total number of appeals filed in the Central Information Commission (CIC) upto 14.08.2007 alleging unsatisfactory response/denial of information is 8169. Information in respect of State Information Commissions is not centrally maintained.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Places for training of IAS officers

†1299. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where IAS officers are sent for training by Government and the number of the officers who have been sent fot training during the last five years and the names of the countries where they were sent;

(b) the details thereof country-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering a plan to make in service training in USA or the institutes affiliated to it compulsory; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.